



2016-2017 Frostbiting Series American Yacht Club Rye, NY Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rule 40 "PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES" shall apply at all times.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix S "SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM" will be used, modified to with a Warning signal at two minutes and ten seconds to start.
- 1.4 No boat shall leave the dock before a safety boat is underway and heading towards the racing area or without the express permission from the Sailing Director or Frostbite Committee Chair.
- 1.5 When racing is abandoned for the day or abandoned with further signals ashore, all competitors shall promptly return to the dock and secure their boat.
- 1.6 The Following Rules will be changed:
 - a. The following is appended to RRS 1.1:
When a boat is capsized or swamped or a boat is experiencing a problem, which results in a risk of capsizing or swamping, and there is no safety boat in the immediate vicinity, that yacht shall be deemed to be "in danger."
 - b. The following is appended to RRS 23:
A boat shall be deemed to be "aground" if it has fouled a winter stake or its ground tackle, and a boat shall be deemed to be

"capsized" if it has been disabled in such a way that its normal progress is abruptly altered by an equipment failure such as a dismasting or the loss of a centerboard, daggerboard or rudder.

c. RRS 30.4 is added as follows:

RRS 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 may be invoked by hail with out the display of a flag.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the door to the JAYC House. Notices shall also be emailed to the current AYC Frostbiting email list.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1230 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at JAYC House.

4.2 The first warning signal shall not be postponed later than 1430.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 First Warning signal is scheduled for 1330 each day.

5.2 One race shall constitute a series.

5.3 Practice Day 30-October-2016

5.4 Fall Series:

November 6, 13, 20, 27

November 27 – Turkey Distance Race

December 4, 11, 18

December 18 – Under-25 Regatta (part of Sunday racing)

5.5 Winter Series:

January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12

5.6 Spring Series:

February 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2

5.7 Women's Cook 11 Regatta (not included in overall scoring)

December 3

6 RACING AREA

Races shall take place inside and just outside Milton Harbor.

7 COURSES

7.1 The Course shall be Start/Windward/Leeward/Finish. The windward mark shall be rounded to port. If a leeward gate is present it shall be rounded, and in the absence of a gate the leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

7.2 The race committee may signal a twice around course either orally and/or by hosting the #2 pennant. Twice around shall be Start/Windward/Leeward/Windward/Leeward/Finish. The windward mark shall be rounded to port. If a leeward gate is present it shall be rounded, and in the absence of a gate the leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

7.3 The race committee may announce a "special course" orally.

8 MARKS

Marks shall be inflatable balls of various sizes and colors.

9 THE START

9.1 The start shall be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a start pin, which shall be an orange inflatable mark.

9.2 Starts shall occur in accordance with Appendix S, except it shall be a 2 minute sequence, S3 shall be modified as follows:

<i>5 short blasts:</i>	Warning (10 seconds before 2 minutes)
<i>Long-long:</i>	Preparatory - 2 minutes to start
<i>Long-3 short:</i>	1 minute 30 seconds
<i>Long:</i>	1 minute
<i>3 shorts:</i>	30 seconds
<i>2 shorts:</i>	20 seconds
<i>1 short:</i>	10 seconds
<i>1 short</i>	For each second 5 through 1
<i>1 long:</i>	START

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

10.2 If the Race Committee has announced a “special course” it shall announce the location and definition of the finish line at that time.

10.3 The Race Committee may assign a boat that has started but not fully sailed the course or finished, a finish position. This changes RRS 35.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 Time Limit

12.1 There is no time limit for boats to finish.

12.2 The Race Committee may assign a finish positions to boats, which have not finished. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

13 Protests

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 13.2 The protest time limit shall be 30 minutes from the time the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 13.3 Protests and requests for redress do not need to be in writing, this changes RRS 61.2 and 62.2.
- 13.4 Protests will be heard in the AYC Clubhouse or JAYC House immediately after racing.
- 13.5 To allow for “open” protest hearings, the final sentence of RRS 63.3 is deleted.
- 13.6 RRS 63.4 is amended to allow for an *Interested Party* to be a member of the protest committee.

14 Scoring

- 14.1 Daily Scoring.
For the daily results boats will be scored in accordance with Appendix A and the “Series” shall be defined as all races started in which at least one boat finishes on that day.
- 14.2 ***Series Scoring*** - Participation in at least 50% of official races sailed is required to qualify for a series. To qualify for the season, a skipper must sail at least 50% of the races sailed during the season. All races started must be counted except that a boat which capsizes or breaks down as a result of a foul may have its score eliminated - if its protest is sustained should the Race Committee so elect under US Sailing Rule 62.
- 14.3 ***Co-Skippers*** - Two married co-owners of the same boat may elect to be scored as one skipper for the qualification and series

scoring calculations by combining race scores. This election must be made prior to the first day of racing each season and must be approved by the Frostbite Chairman.

14.4 ***Calculating Series Percentages***

1. For each race started on a particular race day, a skipper has a PS (Points Scored), which is his finishing position, and a PPR (Possible Points for that Race) which is the maximum number of starters in any race during that day plus one point, under the low-point system.
2. At the end of a Series, add a skipper's PS's and separately add his PPR's to get the Series totals. From the total PS deduct one point for each race started to get the skipper's CPS (Corrected Points Scored).
3. Divide the CPS by the total PPR to get a low percentage. Subtract this from 1.000 to arrive at the skipper's high series percentage.

- 14.5 ***Race Committee Duty*** - For purposes of qualification, for both a series and a season, a participant who is acting as, or assisting the, Race Committee will be counted as having sailed on that day in each of the races sailed. The participant's score will not be affected.